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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MERIDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH,

SEPTEMBER 3d and 4th, 1880.

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MERIDIAN, MISS., Sept. 3rd, 1880.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association convened this day with the church at Meridian. Called to order by Eld. W. D. Northrup, moderator. Brothers M. W. Buckley and Robert George were requested to read the church letters and delegates in attendance were enrolled as follows:

Meridian Church—L. Hurlburt, C. C. Williams, C. M. Gordon, J. R. Kirkland, W. H. Hardy, A. Gressett, A. H. Smith, J. W. Bozeman.

Enterprise—J M Phillips, M W Buckley, Robert George, F C McGee

Shubuta—O D Bowen.

Quitman—W D Northrup.

New Hope—T J Holcombe.

Salem—W West, J L Gray.

Election of officers being now in order Eld W West, and Brother W H Hardy were requested to take the vote. Eld J W Bozeman, D D, was elected moderator and Frank C McGee, clerk.

Eld A Daughety was received as a corresponding messenger from Liberty Association.

Rev R J Jones, presiding elder, and Rev E H Mounges, pastor of the Methodist church being present, the moderator bade them welcome as visitors.

Committee on Devotional Exercises were appointed as follows: Delegates from Meridian church and Robert George, J L Gray, T J Holcombe, who made a partial report as follows: That Eld J M Phillips preach the introductory sermon to-night and that we spend one hour to-morrow morning in devotional exercises to be conducted by Eld W West. Adjourned to 2½ o'clock p m.

Met at 2½ o'clock p m. After prayer and praise, the moderator announced the following committees:

Finance—M W Buckley, T J Holcombe, O D Bowen.

Education—W D Northrup, W H Hardy, Robert George.

State Missions—W H Hardy, F C McGee, J L Gray.

Foreign and Home Missions—C M Gordon, W West, L Hurlburt.

Sunday Schools—J M Phillips, J R Kirkland, C C Williams.

Nominations and Requests—O D Bowen, A H Smith, J L Gray.

Correspondence appointed as follows:

Mt Pisgah Association: Elds C M Gordon and A Gressett; Choctaw: Eld A Gressett; Liberty: C M Gordon, W H Hardy, F C McGee, J W Bozeman, A Gressett; Bethlehem: W P Broach, J W Bozeman; Salem: W West, J M Phillips, A Gressett, J L Gray; Gulf Coast: O D Bowen, F C McGee, W H Hardy; General Association: A Gressett, W West, C M Gordon, Dr A H Smith, W H Hardy. As another meeting of this association will be held before the meeting of the Baptist State Convention the appointment of messengers to that body deferred.

On motion consideration of the report on State Missions was fixed for Saturday evening at 4 o'clock. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Saturday morning Sept 4th at 10 o'clock the association met pursuant to adjournment. The clerk being absent, on motion Robert George was requested to act as clerk *pro tem.*

Escatawpa church petitioned for a letter of dismission. Referred to Committee on Nominations and Requests.

Brother Joel Towers was received as a delegate from the church at Lauderdale.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools adopted as follows:

Your committee beg leave to report that, in their opinion, the Sunday School work is one of very great importance. This opinion is based on the following considerations: 1st. The Sunday School work is important because by means of it the young can be brought up in the way of righteousness. There is nothing more clearly taught in the Bible than that children should be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Solomon says, "Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." When a child, Timothy learned the holy scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation. It is true, parents should train their children at home; they should not give the work of training their children entirely into the hands of Sunday school teachers, but as the young as well as the old need to have "line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little," parents should take advantage of every opportunity to have their children instructed in the truths of the Bible. Early impressions are the most lasting, and parents should endeavor to shape and mould the plastic minds of their children into moral symmetry and beauty; because those minds will not always remain so susceptible of being impressed with religious truth, as they are in childhood and youth.

2nd. The Sunday school work is important because it affords the middle aged and the old, as well as the young, an opportunity of learning religious truth. It is the will of Christ all his people should search the Scriptures, because they are "profitable for doctrines, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." True, the Bible should be studied at home, yet it occurs to your committee that its truths can be studied to better advantage in the Sunday school; because, "in the multitude of counsel there is safety." "Those who fear the Lord should speak often one to another" and they can have abundant opportunities for doing so in the Sunday school. We therefore recommend that the churches composing this association, take more interest in the Sunday school work. We urge upon parents the importance of going themselves, and taking their children with them, and of using every possible means of storing their own minds with the truths of the Bible, and of leading their children in the pleasant ways and peaceful paths of wisdom.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Eld T J Walne was invited to a seat with us as Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission board. Adjourned to 3 o'clock p m.

Met at 3 o'clock p m. Report of Committee on Nominations and Requests submitted and adopted as follows:

Your Committee appointed on Nominations and Requests, would submit the following report: We find a request from Quitman church asking that the Association hold its next meeting with that church. Also a request from Escatawpa church for a letter of dismission from this body. We recommend that the request of Escatawpa church be granted, and that the Association hold its next annual session with the church at Quitman.

We also recommend that Eld J W Bozeman preach the next introductory sermon, and Eld W D Northrup preach the sermon on Missions.

Respectfully submitted, O. D. BOWEN, Chm'n.

Report of Committee on Foreign and Home Missions:

The religion of Christ is missionary in its spirit and principles. It is the good news of heaven to a lost world, not for a favored few, but for all. As it must necessarily be given to a few at first, it was made their duty to distribute this great riches among all men in the world. "Go teach all nations." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." It would not be morally right for any man to keep the Word of life locked up in his own

heart and mind. It is not his to hoard as a miser does his gold, but it is given in trust that we may bestow the legacy upon all whose right it is to have it. The man or the church that refuses to do this is morally guilty before God and men of a breach of trust. He is holding back that which God has commanded him to distribute, and consequently fails to glorify God. Again, it is our duty to send the gospel to the heathen because "of one blood were all nations made." They are our brethren after the flesh. The gospel is the only gift of heaven that can elevate them from the superstitions and corruptions of idolatry, and save them from the wrath to come. We owe an especial debt to the Indians in this regard. They once possessed our lands and homes, but now they are in the far west. That we came into our possessions justly does not remove the wrongs they endured at the hands of our country, when they were forced to sell their lands. The only way that we can remove the stain from our nation is to give them far greater riches, even the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is a blessing connected with all missionary effort that should not be despised. While we give our talents and lives, or means to the evangelization of the world, that blessing given us of God's grace, is not diminished but increased. The Lord makes us happier and our churches more prosperous. That body of christians that does not cultivate a missionary spirit by sending the gospel to the lost, will find itself on the downward road to ruin.

As we are not all expected to engage in the active work of the missionary, how are we to perform our part of it? By our prayers and contributions. We should give as the Lord has prospered us and pray earnestly for the spread of the truth all over the world. We, therefore, recommend that our pastors preach to their churches at least twice in the year on Missions, that the people may know what has been done, and what is to be accomplished in the foreign field, and that a spirit of Missions may be awakened. We also recommend that all of our churches endeavor to raise at least ONE DOLLAR per member for Foreign and Indian Missions during the next Associational year.

We direct the attention of our brethren to the Baptist Missionary Magazine, of Boston, and the Home and Foreign Mission Journal, of Richmond, Va., as suitable papers from which to derive information respecting the work that is before us.

All contributions for the Foreign fund should be sent to Dr. H. A. Tupper, Richmond, Va.; and those for Indian Missions to Dr. W. H. McIntosh, of Marion, Ala.

C. M. GORDON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Education adopted:

The education of the mind, heart and body is essential to the well being of any one. The word "educate" means to draw out, or to develop the faculties, and not the external show so often seen in this life. That is the best education that most effectually develops the intellect, and soul and body, so that the man may be able to grapple successfully with the realities of life. We believe that it is our christian duty to give our sons and daughters all of the advantages within our power, respecting these things, and that we should be willing to make sacrifices to do so. There are objections to a thorough education in some quarters, and these deserve passing notice.

1st. Those who receive all of the advantages of the schools are renderet unfit for the practical duties of life, and are more likely to fail in their undertakings. This may be true with some, but there is a greater proportion of those who are uneducated that fail than those who are educated. The course of instruction given to our youth should be in the line of their future callings. We hope that the day is not far distant when it will be entirely so. We should have the desire to lift up our race; and there is nothing, coupled with the religion of Christ, that so fully does this, as an education.

2nd. It causes those receiving it to feel above their fellows who were not so fortunate. There is a suspicion in the minds of some in regard to this, but does it exist in reality? The feeling is in the minds of the objectors and not in the educated. True education makes no one foolish, or mad, but on the contrary elevates and enobles all. It makes them better calculated to battle with the realities of life.

We, therefore, urge it upon all of our people to educate—educate thoroughly and well, if possible both boys and girls that the generations coming after us may obviate many of the misfortunes known to us, and that the glory of the Lord may more abundantly appear. Let every neighborhood have its school, taught by the best talent that can be commanded, and then let all who can do so, send their children to a literary institution of higher grade, until their education is completed.

To this end we recommend Mississippi College for our boys, and Meridian Female College for our girls. We as a people cannot expect the co-operation of our Pedo-baptist friends in our educational enterprises, and therefore Baptists should rally around the institutions of learning established by us and work for them, as well as give them their patronage. Shall Baptists educate, or shall Pedo-baptists do it for us? This is a question of great importance and we trust all will decide it in the affirmative and come nobly to aid of Mississippi College and Meridian Female College.

We also believe that our people should give greater attention to Ministerial Education. A minister is better able to teach his people after receiving the advantages afforded by a literary and theological education. The people are rising in intelligence and the ministry must be educated, or others will come in and possess the land. Let all the brethren give, and give liberally, to the cause of Ministerial Education; and in connection with this, we urge it upon our people to sustain Bro. Geo. Knight, while he is endeavoring to obtain an education at Clinton, for we deem him worthy, and we recommend the continuance of the Committee on Ministerial Education appointed at your last session, with the following added thereto: A. J. Gray, State Line, and A. H. Smith, of Meridian. Respectfully submitted, WM. D. NORTHRUP.

The following report submitted by the Committee on State Missions was adopted:

Your committee beg leave to report, that they have hurriedly considered the subject of State Missions, and would like very much to give a full history of the organization or institution of "The Mississippi Board of State Missions" and a brief resume of its labors since, but fear that it would be too long to conform to the brevity and perspicuity which have characterized reports heretofore on that subject. Yet we will venture a short statement in reference thereto in the belief and with the hope that good may result therefrom. The Mississippi Baptist State Convention was organized about forty-two years ago, but all its Home and Foreign Mission work was done through the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, until 1873, when the State Convention, in session at Aberdeen, determined to enter at once, and directly upon the work of State Missions. For that purpose "The Mississippi Board of State Missions" was created. The first year of its existence, no agents or evangelists were sent out to visit the churches and awaken among them an interest in State Missions; but the "voluntary plan," so called, was adopted, and among all the seven or eight hundred Baptist churches in the state, only ONE responded by a contribution to the State Mission Board. The church with which our body now sits contributed the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars. The next year a different plan was adopted. After much anxious thought and earnest prayer, God directed his people to a man of great physical power and endurance; a man filled with the spirit of missions which is indeed and in truth the spirit of Christ; a man of undoubted piety and a most excellent preacher whom they called to the great work of evangelization as the corresponding secretary of said board. You may call him an agent or an evangelist, whichever you choose, certain it is, that God has signally blessed his labors in these six years. We regret that we cannot give a full summary of what has been accomplished under his labors and direction, but we cannot, and only refer you to the forthcoming minutes of the State Convention. Suffice it to say the work grew year by year; churches were constituted, Sunday schools organized, sinners brought to repentance and mourners converted, and the waste places in our Zion built up until last year, the most successful of all, $6,662.03 were raised and expended in giving the gospel to the destitute in our beloved state. We should remember too that these years have only been the seeding time. The harvest is yet to come; and oh, what shall the harvest be? Who can tell? If the State Board were dissolved to-day, and its beloved, self-sacrificing secretary's voice should be forever hushed in the silence of the grave, yet the forces which they, through the blessing of God, have set in motion, would move steadily on. None but the omnipotent power of God can stay them.

While this is true, it is equally true that there be thousands of perishing men and women within our borders who have never heard the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. And how can they hear without a preacher and how can they preach except they be sent? And who shall send them? Shall we not have our part of the glory that shall be revealed at the last day for giving the gospel to the poor? At the last meeting of this body it recommended the appointment of Elder O. D. Bowen by the State Board to the work of a missiona-

ry and evangelist within, chose his people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundapointment was made, and Elder [illegible]ken lay the power of God, through faith work. We submit herewith a summary of what, under the blessing of God, was accomplished under his labors. Our hearts rejoice that this faithful servant was so greatly blessed in his labors. We understand that he is to be transferred by the board to the Gulf Coast Mission and we do not now know of a suitable person whom we might recommend to fill his place. We are assured by Elder Bowen that there now exists no destitution within our bounds and we think it is not within our province to make recommendations to the State Board as to work to be carried on beyond them. So we remit the whole subject of supplying the destitution in southeast Mississippi to the State Board.

Brethren, the great mission of Baptists in the earth is, to give the gospel to the destitute. We cannot stand blameless in the sight of God, while thousands are perishing for the want of the bread of life, if we do nothing to supply them. The man who does not give to missions, or who prevents others from giving, or who creates strifes and divisions among God's people whereby the spirit of missions is repressed or obstructed even has not the spirit of Christ in him. If the hearts of the great Baptist brotherhood throughout the length and breadth of our state beat in unison upon this great question soon there would not be found a niche or corner in all our borders where the glorious gospel of our Lord was not known. Why should we not be united? Can any man give a reason? In union there is strength. It is the command of Christ that we be one with Him as he is one with the Father.

Your committee believe that the country is on the eve of an era of great prosperity; and let us pray God that he would inspire the hearts of his people all over the state to acknowledge their gratitude and to manifest it by liberal contributions to Missions, and that all strifes and divisions be healed and the denomination throughout the state shall be united in one solid phalanx under the banner of our King Emanuel, marching through His grounds "To fairer worlds on high. Respectfully submitted, W. H. HARDY, Chm'n.

Report of Eld. O. D. Bowen, Missionary and Evangelist for Chickasahay Association under appointment of "The Mississippi Board of State Missions" for work performed in the Chickasahay, Liberty and Southeastern Baptist Associations, for two-thirds of his time, beginning January 1st, 1880, and ending Sept. 1st, 1880:

Days of actual service, 134; number of miles traveled, 1,503; number of stations visited, 52; number sermons preached, 136; church prayer meetings attended, 1; number visits for religious purposes, 226; persons baptized, 19; received by letter, 9; churches constituted, 1; Sabbath schools organized, 2; Sabbath school addresses 2; houses of worship built, 1; subscribers obtained for Record, 12; ladies' mission societies organized, 6; am't collected for Foreign Missions, $22.40; am't collected for State Missions, $270.40.

Submitted, O. D. BOWEN, Evangelist.

Report of Committee on Finance adopted, to-wit:

Your Committee on Finance report the following amounts have been sent up by the churches: Foreign Missions, $13.10; State Missions, $21.85; Home Missions, $16.00; for Associational purposes, Meridian church, $5.00; Shubuta, $3.50; Quitman, $3.00; Enterprise, $3.00; New Hope, $1.00; Salem, $2.00; Escatawpa, $1.50; Lauderdale, $1.00; Buckatunna, $2.00. Total for Associational purposes, $22.00. Total for all purposes, $72.95.

Submitted, M. W. BUCKLEY, Chairman.

On motion it was agreed that Brother A H Smith, at Meridian, should receive all monies for the benefit of Brother Geo W Knight, at Mississippi College at Clinton, and forward same.

The thanks of the Association were tendered to Rev E H Mounger for the use of his pulpit.

The following resolution was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Meridian for their hospitable treatment of the members of this body.

The Association adjourned with the best of feeling and perfect harmony, to meet with the church at ST. Waynesboro.

To this end we recommend Mississippi College and Judson College for our girls. We as a people should

Done in session at Friendship, Nov. 17, 1881.

FRANK C. MCGEE, Clerk. J. W. BOZEMAN, Moderator.

CLERK'S REPORT.

DR.

To amount for Foreign Missions	$13 10	
To amount for State Missions	21 85	
To amount for Home Missions	16 00	
To amount for Associational Fund	22 00	—72 95

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By amt sent Eld H A Tupper Foreign Missions	$13 10	
By amt sent Eld W H McIntosh, Home Missions	16 00	
By amt pd Eld T J Walne, State Missions	21 85	
By amt pd for printing and distributing Minutes	22 00	—72 95

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the CHICKASAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz.: Delegates and messengers; the first class, only, having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches, which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be allowed two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter; provided, that ministers who are members of any such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall, in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association, unless regularly sent up through the churches; nor shall difficulties between churches be discussed, until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon; and, after enrolling the names of delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a moderator and a clerk, who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the Association, no brother being eligible to the office of moderator more than two years in succession.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies; and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association, by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismission may be obtained, without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority; while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided, the proposed alteration, or amendment, shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old Testament and the new, were written by the inspiration of God; and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's

pointment of Elder O. D. Bowen by the of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept, by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline, agreeable to the rule of the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having an equal right therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church; and that believers in Christ, only, are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly baptized believers, only, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed by praise or benediction.

2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3. The moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the moderator.

5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of, before any other motion can be entertained.

8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association; nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.

9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the moderator for violation of these rules.

10. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

W. D. NORTHRUP, Quitman, Miss.
A. GRESSETT, Meridian.
S. L. ROBBINS, "
L. NORRIS, Shubuta.
J. W. BOZEMAN, D. D., Meridian.
C. M. GORDON, Meridian.
O. D. BOWEN, Shubuta.
J. M. PHILLIPS, Shubuta.
WILSON WEST, Waynesboro.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	No. Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Lett'r	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	WORK OF THE CHURCHES DURING THE YEAR AS SHOWN IN THE LETTERS. State Missions	Home & For. Missions	Min. Educat'n	Church Ex.	S. S. Expenses	Paid Pastors' Salary
Lauderdale	Lauderdale, Miss.	B. F. Hendon	...	2	...	1	...	...	22	$ 5 00					
Meridian	Meridian	J. W. Bozeman	6	17	0	21	...	3	185	23 78	$ 25 13	13 00		18 50	
Enterprise	Enterprise	J. M. Phillips	...	1	...	7	...	1	58	17 50	6 50	10 00	41 95		174 90
Quitman	Quitman	W. D. Northrup	...	5	1	...	...	...	38	23 95			83 00	10 00	100 00
Shubuta	Shubuta	L. Norris	...	4	...	7	2	1	90	105 00	58 95	20 00	45 00	123 75	250 00
Salem	Waynesboro	W. West	5	13	1	11	2	2	86	7 10	7 10	50	5 25	1 00	104 15
New Hope	Tokio	O. D. Bowen	1	...	...	4	...	...	20	3 30					20 00
Buckatunna	Buckatunna	W. West	1	2	...	2	...	...	22		13 40		310 00	8 78	
State Line	State Line	J. M. Phillips	3	...	...	8	...	...	83	150 00	30 05	5 00	5 00	10 00	195 00
Escatawpa	Escatawpa, Ala.	H. C. Mason	...	...	...	2	...	...	30	30 00	2 60			10 00	100 00
			16	44	2	63	4	7	634	$364 93	$142 83	48 50	490 20	185 03	943 65

NOTE.—DeSoto, New Zion and Concord churches were not represented, hence I have no statistics from them. The table showing the work of the churches is necessarily incomplete as all the churches did not make full reports. Meridian church reports the total of local expenditures as about $2,000. The clerks of churches will enable the clerk of the Association to make a full and complete table by keeping an account of the expenditures, etc., and using the form of Associational letter mailed with these minutes.

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